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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - GROUP B MEETING FOR TDB XIV

REF: A. GENEVA 5132 B. GENEVA 5017 C. STATE 167464

1. IN REPLY TO YOUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN REFTEL A ON
SEVERAL ISSUES TO BE REAIDED IN TDB XIV, WASHINGTON AGENCIES
ARE STILL INVOLVED IN WORKING OUT THE DETAILED US POSITIONS.
A NUMBER OF THE DOCUMENTS HAVE ONLY ARRIVED IN THE LAST FEW
DAYS AND SEVERAL HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED. OUR TENTATIVE
POSTURE ON THESE ISSUES, HOWEVER, IS DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. WITH RESPECT TO UNCTAD DOCUMENTS TD/B/512 AND TD/B/497,
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AS IS CLEAR FROM REFTELS B AND C, THE US WILL OPPOSE

DEVELOPMENT OF AN OVERALL UNCTAD WORK PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE US IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXAMINATION OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT OUR DIFFERENCES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES ON THESE COMPLICATED ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS. THE US IS NOT PREPARED TO PLEDGE ITSELF TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM OF ACTION. WE INTEND TO EXAMINE THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL'S VARIOUS PROPOSALS ON THEIR MERITS AND NOT MERELY ON THE BASIS OF THEIR BEING INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION.

3. WE HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT TDB XIV CAN BEGIN WITH A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION WHICH WILL CONSIDER HOW THEY WILL RELATE TO THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF UNCTAD AND MAY BE REFERRED TO IN UNCTAD RESOLUTIONS. WE WOULD ALSO HOPE THAT GROUP B WOULD SUPPORT A CHANGE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF TDB XIV TO ALLOW THE DISCUSSION OF THE USE OF THE WORDS "AS ADOPTED" (AGENDA ITEM 13D) TO TAKE PLACE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE DISCUSSION ON THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. THE US IS UNABLE TO AGREE TO RESOLUTIONS ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH GENERALLY ENDORSE THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION OR WHICH WOULD SEEK TO HAVE UNCTAD UNDERTAKE OR RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER STATES UNDERTAKE OTHERWISE DESIRABLE ACTIVITIES "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DECLARATION OR PROGRAM OF ACTION" (I.E. A GENERAL UNDERTAKING TO ACCEPT THE CONCLUSIONS IN THE DECLARATION OR PROGRAM OF ACTION).

4. WE HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CONSIDER THE INDEXATION STUDY IN DEPTH AND DO NOT EXPECT TO BE IN A POSITION TO APPROVE IT. THE TECHNICAL STATISTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN INDEXATION ARE EXTREMELY COMPLICATED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT WE WILL BE CALLING FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.

5. WE CONSIDER THAT THE COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HIGHLIGHTING PROBLEMS IN CERTAIN COMMODITIES AND IN CONTRIBUTING TO PREPARATIONS FOR NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MTN.

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6. OUR FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL'S PLAN OF PREPARATIONS FOR UNCTAD IV IS THAT IT SEEMS HIGHLY COMPLICATED. WE EXPECT THAT DISCUSSIONS IN THE TDB WILL DECIDE UPON A SUITABLE SCHEDULE OF PREPARATORY WORK TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TOTAL FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON THE CENTRAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, INCLUDING SUCH EXERCISES AS THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND THE 1975 SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. WE ARE ALSO CON-

CERNED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S SCENARIO FOR UNCTAD IV DEPENDS TOO HEAVILY ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MAJOR TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED BECAUSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE IN THE PAST NOT CONCENTRATED OR NEGOTIATED ON THEM.

7. WE INTEND, PREFERABLY WITH GROUP B SUPPORT, TO REOPEN THE DISCUSSION ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE EXPERT'S GROUP PREPARING A "DRAFT OUTLINE" FOR A CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE WORK UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO PREPARING A NON-BINDING CODE OF CONDUCT OR GUIDELINES. WE WILL ALSO BE CONTINUING OUR EFFORTS TO HAVE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY CLEARLY DEFINE UNCTAD'S AREA OF COMPETENCE. KISSINGER

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